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SUBJ: ANTI-AMERICANISM IN CYPRIOT MEDIA - SEPTEMBER 8 - 14

1. FOLLOWING BRIEF BUT ANGRY OUTBURST RE KISSINGER REMARKS AT KUBISCH SWEARING-IN (NICOSIA 2935, 2940), LOCAL GREEK PRESS REVERTED TO CONSISTENT VITUPERATION RE USG POLICY. PERSONAL ATTACKS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER, OCCASIONAL SNIPING AT BRITISH BLENDED INTO CONTINUING FAVORITE THEME RE "ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY" TO KEEP CYPRUS PROBLEM OUT OF UNGA AND IN NARROW NATO CIRCLE.

2. LEVEL OF CRITICISM ABOUT SAME AS EARLIER WEEKS. FAR-RIGHT "ETHNIKI", LYSSARIDES' FAR-LEFT "TA NEA" MOST STRIDENTLY ANTI-US. BOTH SEIZE EVERY CHANCE TO EMPHASIZE USG PERFIDY ON CYPRUS (RECENT PLOY WAS PICTORIAL COVERAGE ANTI-US, ANTI-KISSINGER ADHESIVE STICKERS APPEARING IN LIMASSOL AND NICOSIA). BOTH WELCOME SOVIET INITIATIVES ON CYPRUS ISSUE. RIGHTIST "MACHI"
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AND CENTRIST "AGON" SLIGHTLY LESS SENSATIONALIST IN SAME THEMES.

"MACHI" HAS RESUMED EDITORIALS (AFTER YEAR'S LAPSE); MANY OF THEM ANTI-US. CENTER-LEFT, PRO-MAKARIOS "PHILELEFTHEROS" USUALLY MORE MODERATE IN TREATMENT OF USG, BUT NEGATIVELY EDITORIALIZED ON USG ACTIVITY TO FORESTALL UNGA DEBATE ON CYPRUS.

3. MANY PAPERS PLAY UP RECENT STATEMENTS BY SEN. KENNEDY, REP. ROSENTHAL FAVORING GREECE. MAKARIOS' RECENT REMARKS RE USG CULPABILITY FOR JULY 15 COUP AND AFTERMATH, SIMILAR COMMENTS BY GREEK FORMIN MAVROS, GET BROAD COVERAGE.

4. CBC RADIO/TV SELECTIVE BUT OBJECTIVE IN NEWS COVERAGE, EMPHASIZING PRO-GREEK ITEMS.
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